

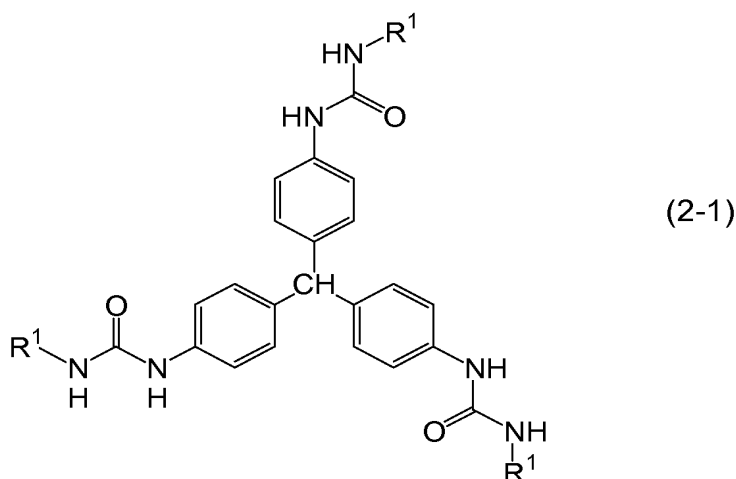
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

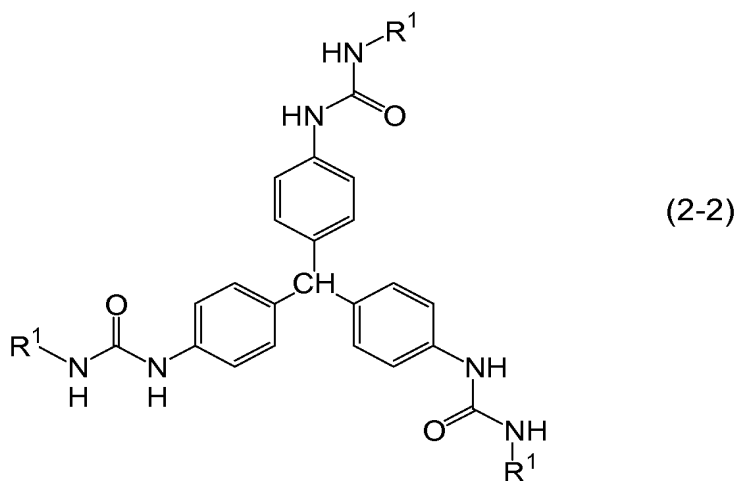
1.-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously presented) A triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-1):



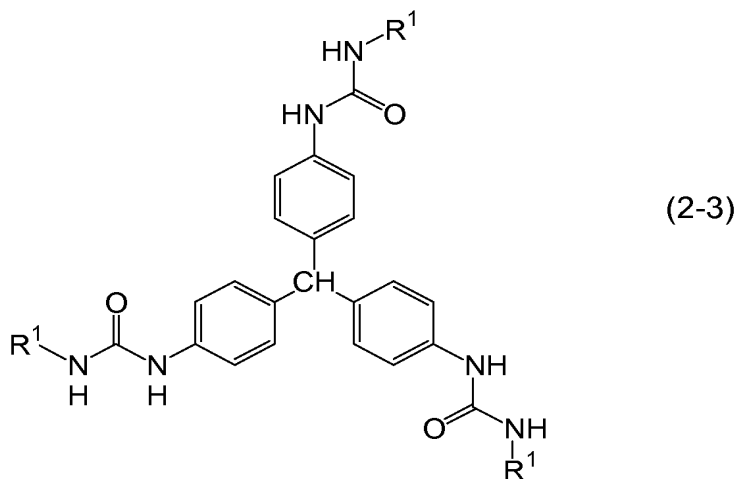
wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 4 carbon atoms.

5. (Previously presented) A triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-2):



wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 8 carbon atoms.

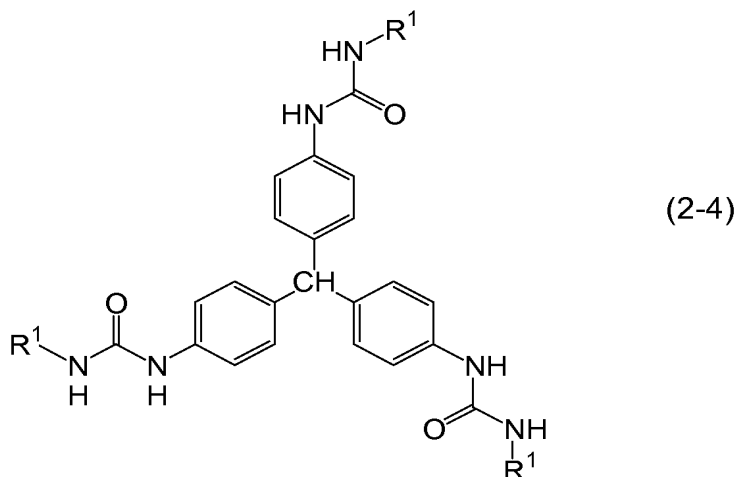
6. (Previously presented) A triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-3):



wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 18 carbon atoms.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously presented) An organic gel comprising a triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-4):

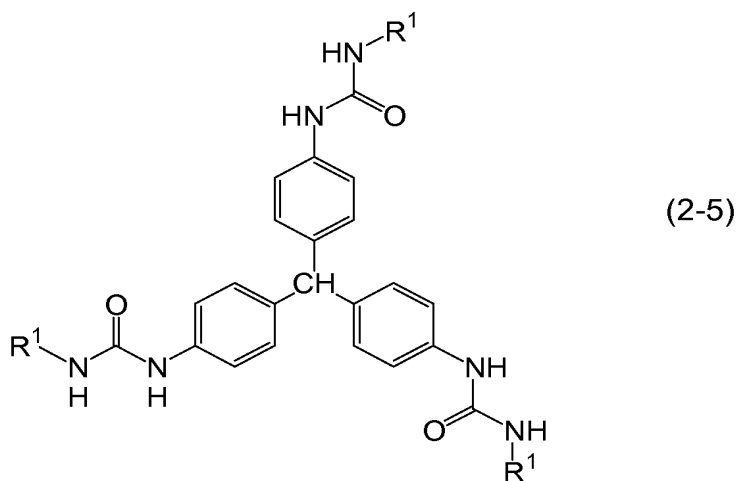


wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and an organic solvent.

9. (Previously presented) An organic fiber produced from the organic gel as defined in claim 8, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

10. (Cancelled).

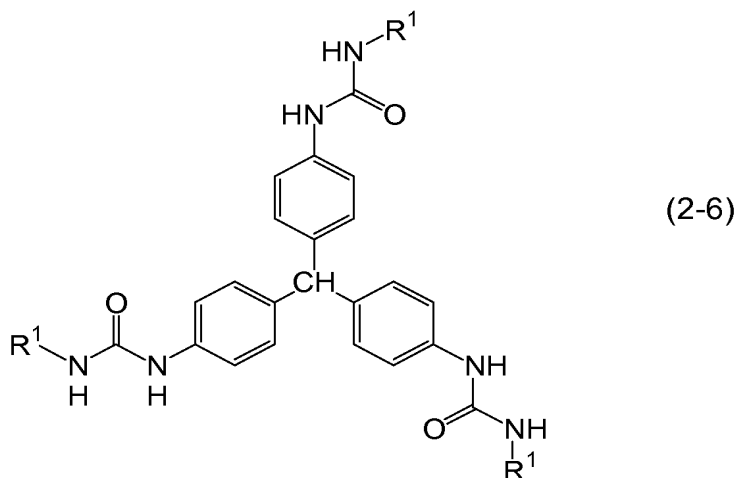
11. (Previously presented) An organic gel comprising a triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-5):



wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, and an organic solvent.

12. (Previously presented) An organic fiber produced from the organic gel as defined in claim 11, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

13. (Currently amended) An organic gel comprising a triphenylmethane derivative which is represented by the general formula (2-6):



wherein R¹ is a linear or branched alkyl group having 11 to ~~20~~⁴⁸ carbon atoms, and an organic solvent.

14. (Previously presented) An organic fiber produced from the organic gel as defined in claim 13, and having a diameter of 500 nm or less.

15. (Previously presented) The organic gel as defined in claim 8, wherein the organic solvent is any one selected from the group consisting of toluene, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane and decalin.

16. (Previously presented) The organic gel as defined in claim 11, wherein the organic solvent is any one selected from the group consisting of 2-propanol and benzonitrile.

17. (Previously presented) The organic gel as defined in claim 13, wherein the organic solvent is propylene carbonate.

18. (Previously presented) A process for producing the organic gel as defined in claim 8, wherein after heating a solution comprising said triphenylmethane derivative and the organic solvent, the resultant solution was allowed to stand at room temperature.

19. (Previously presented) A process for producing the organic gel as defined in claim 11, wherein after heating a solution comprising said

triphenylmethane derivative and the organic solvent, the resultant solution was allowed to stand at room temperature.

20. (Previously presented) A process for producing the organic gel as defined in claim 13, wherein after hearing a solution comprising said triphenylmethane derivative and the organic solvent, the resultant solution was allowed to stand at room temperature.

21. (Previously presented) The organic gel as defined in claim 8, wherein the triphenylmethane derivative is swelled by said organic solvent.

22. (Previously presented) The organic gel as defined in claim 11, wherein the triphenylmethane derivative is swelled by said organic solvent.

23. (Previously presented) The organic gel as defined in claim 13, wherein the triphenylmethane derivative is swelled by said organic solvent.

24. (Previously presented) The organic fiber as defined in claim 9, having a diameter of 100 nm or less.

25. (Previously presented) The organic fiber as defined in claim 12, having a diameter of 100 nm or less.

26. (Previously presented) The organic fiber as defined in claim 14, having a diameter of 100 nm or less.